

The department's recruit training program is a grueling 15-week school that incorporates all aspects of basic firefighter training. During recruit school, heavy emphasis is placed upon physical fitness, professionalism, and attention to detail. In addition to basic firefighter training, units on emergency medical care and hazardous materials response are delivered during this period. Recruits must successfully complete NPQ hazmat awareness, NPQ hazmat operations, and emergency medical training during their recruit class. Upon graduation from the recruit program, new firefighters must be certified to the level of NPQ firefighter I and NPQ firefighter II, in addition to completing Georgia Fire Academy courses in structural fire control and interior search and rescue techniques.